

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 449

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kathleen Starnes of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Kathleen Marie Starnes; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Starnes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Starnes served with acumen and alacrity as owner of Southern Scientific, a medical supply store, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for victims of crimes, Kathleen Starnes visited prisons and spoke publicly about her own experience as a rape survivor; in addition, she served on numerous nonprofit boards, including Tennessee Voices for Victims, which she served as president; and

WHEREAS, one of Nashville's leading Republican activists, Mrs. Starnes served as chair of the Davidson County Republican Party from 2009 to 2013, volunteering her time on election campaigns and organizing fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Starnes was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Larry Maxwell; daughter, Abby (Jason) Maxwell-Dodson; two granddaughters, Hannah and Norah; brother, Rick Starnes; nieces, Hallie, Bailie, and Audrie Starnes; nephew, Grant; and great-niece, Adaleigh; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Starnes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Kathleen Marie Starnes, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Starnes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.